

Trinity Summer Camp

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the dates and times of Camp?

Trinity Summer Camp will run from June 8 to August 3, 2021. Please note that the first and last week of camp are shortened to 3 day weeks.

What ages may attend Camp?

Our camp is licensed to accept students who are entering Kindergarten through exiting sixth grade.

What are the themes of Camp?

Camp themes will be set prior to the May parent informational meeting. Themes from last year included: Animals, Space, Science, Sports, Water, Arts, Outdoors, etc.

Will the children take field trips?

Yes, we will be having various travel days throughout the summer. Our friends entering Kindergarten will be traveling once to Hovatter's Zoo and once to Palatine Park Splash Pad in Fairmont. The rest of the camp will be taking trips throughout the summer to places like the WVU Planetarium, Big Bear Lake, Cooper's Rock, Pittsburgh Pirates game and more.

The 2022 Travel Schedule is available on our Summer Camp website page if you would like to see our tentative plan. These dates/trips are subject to change and will be finalized once enrollment is closed.

What does the activity fee cover?

Every camper, regardless of the number of weeks attended and the number of days per week scheduled, must pay an activity fee. Those entering Kindergarten will have a \$75 activity fee and those entering 1st-7th grades will have a \$150 activity fee. This money goes DIRECTLY to the purchase of a pool pass, tickets and fees paid to the field trip locations, and to pay for the bus charter. If we cannot travel, this money is used to bring activities on site and to buy additional materials and equipment to compensate for the lack of travel.

Does my child have to attend all 9 weeks of camp?

No. This year there is a four week minimum to register for camp. While parents have the option to select the number of weeks, once an attendance contract (which includes the number of weeks a child will attend) is set, the number of weeks may not be decreased. IF space permits, we will allow a family to increase the number of weeks of attendance should the need arise.

Does my child have to attend all week?

No. Parents have the option of selecting from two attendance options: 3 set days or all 5 days per week. Attendance is not required at camp, but once a contract is set, there will be no refunds for days missed regardless of reason.

Does this camp count as childcare expenses for tax purposes?

Yes, the weekly fees for camp are considered childcare expenses. Registration fees and activity fees are not. Parents are responsible for requesting a statement for tax purposes from the TCS business office.

Are the children in age appropriate groupings?

Yes. Children will be split into like-age groups for their primary placement. There will be times when the entire camp will be together, but our goal is to make our campers' experience as developmentally appropriate as possible.

Who are the Camp counselors?

Our camp counselors are highly qualified, highly trained individuals. We place a strong emphasis on hiring those who are passionate about working with kids of all ages. Each counselor will have thorough training in our camp expectations. They must also have a demonstrated commitment to a Christian lifestyle. Each counselor will undergo an extensive background check, have training in first-aid and CPR, attend child abuse and neglect training, complete a physical, and receive periodic staff development throughout the summer.

What can I expect my child to do during camp?

If there's one thing you should expect, it's that your child will come home tired! Our goal is to be active, engaged, and excited! Our days will be packed with fun activities that meet a variety of child's needs. We are excited to create a more camp-like atmosphere with activities that reflect that change.

Is the Camp a state licensed camp?

Absolutely! Our camp follows the strictest of guidelines for safety, security, and programming. Our license and the state guidelines are available at any time to anyone who would like to review them.

Are meals provided?

No. Parents may elect to participate in our vendor lunch program for an additional charge of \$35.00/week. We are currently negotiating our daily lunch option. However, on field trip days, a packed lunch will be provided for all campers.

What happens after I register?

- 1). Spots are filled on a 1st come/1st serve basis. You will receive an enrollment packet to complete and return.
- 2). Once your child is admitted, you will receive an enrollment packet to complete and return to the office **within 7 days of acceptance. The nonrefundable activity fee of \$150.00 is due at the time of enrollment. Failure to return the packet on time will result in forfeiture of your space.**

Will I receive more information?

More than you may want! We will have a **mandatory parent meeting** on Monday, May 16. At that meeting we will review expectations, camp schedule, groups, travel plans, etc. You will also be provided a weekly newsletter and regular emails from our camp staff. **The 1st 2 weeks of payment is due at the May parent meeting.**

Do you offer a discount?

We will only offer one discount this year. There is a 5% discount for multiple siblings that attend summer camp.

What is the behavior expectation of campers?

In order to provide a positive, enjoyable, and memorable experience for all campers we expect your camper to act in a manner that is friendly, kind, well mannered, and abiding by all camp/counselor rules. We will use methods of redirecting to avoid any conflicts. However, aggressive behavior towards other campers or counselors will not be tolerated and could be grounds for dismissal. Should your child be expelled from camp there will be no refunds.